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BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 9, 2006

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TITLE: Health Council Profile and Plan

ACTION: Presentation and discussion of the Health Council Profile and Plan

SUMMARY:

The Bernalillo County Community Health Council (BCCHC) strives to improve the health and well-being of all Bernalillo County residents and neighborhoods through a variety of strategies and activities:

- Developing a community health profile to identify and map the community's health resources, needs, and characteristics.
- Identifying and prioritizing important issues related to individual, familial, school, and neighborhood health.
- Working in partnership with other individuals, groups, and agencies to promote health awareness and to provide community education about health issues.
- Creating action plans, strategies, and activities to achieve the systemic changes needed to meet the varied health needs of all Bernalillo County residents.

The mission of the BCCHC is to improve the health and quality of life in Bernalillo County through coalition building, health assessment and prioritization, and community action. The BCCHC updated its community health improvement plan in May of 2006. The priorities for the Council remain as teen pregnancy prevention and access to health care. The Council ran teen pregnancy prevention Public Service Announcements targeted at young women in April of 2006 and developed a male prevention message which was distributed on radio and television during June and July. The Council will be completing a comprehensive gap analysis of teen pregnancy prevention services in 2006 and will continue to develop and distribute our teen pregnancy prevention messages.

The Council has funded Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Community Coalition for Health Care Access, Southwest Improvement Council for Wellness and Human Development, and Young Women United to complete activities related to teen pregnancy prevention and access to health care in FY06. The Council plans to continue funding these subcontractors. In FY07 the Council will be updating our Community Health Profile with current demographic and health status information. The Council was approved for funding for the next four years at \$138,000 per year.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Executive Summary of Profile